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Website Offers Parents a Look at the Iowa Core Curriculum

Expectations for all lowa students searchable by content area and grade span

DES MOINES, Iowa – The Iowa Department of Education today announces the launch of a new Iowa Core Curriculum website at www.corecurriculum.iowa.gov.

The purpose of the official Iowa Core Curriculum site is to help Iowa parents and all citizens learn more about the state-wide academic expectations for kindergarten through 12th-grade students.

The website offers a look at the skills and concepts all lowa students must know under the lowa Core Curriculum, signed into law by Governor Culver in 2008. This includes concepts and skills in literacy, math, science, social studies, and 21st century learning skills (civic literacy, financial literacy, technology literacy, health literacy, and employability skills). Parents will be able to do customized searches by academic area or by grades.

Superintendents, principals, and other education leaders in lowa are currently receiving training on how to implement the lowa Core Curriculum, which must be fully put into practice in high schools by 2012-2013 and in kindergarten through eighth grades by 2014-2015. Iowa's area education agencies and the Iowa Department of Education have collaborated to provide this training. This cooperation will continue as districts begin to provide professional development directly to teachers on the Iowa Core Curriculum and supportive teaching strategies.

For background information on the Iowa Core Curriculum, please visit the Iowa Department of Education's website at www.iowa.gov/educate and click on "Iowa Core Curriculum" on the left-hand side of the page.

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